



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Dr. Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: April 8, 2010

SUBJECT: 2010 Census

Indiana educators are encouraged to remind families to participate in the 2010 Census. When local schools include census ideas in their curriculum, Hoosier children learn about the important role the census has played throughout American history, increase their awareness of the 2010 Census and deliver this message to their families.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census form is one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

For more information about the census, please visit www.census.gov/schools.